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## ISSUES FACING MEDICAL READINESS TO BE ADDRESSED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BETHESDA, Md. – Emerging weapons threats, changes in combat stress, advances in nursing practice, new medical technologies, emerging diseases, military medical education and new military technologies will be among the topics of discussion when the Uniformed Services University hosts the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference on Military Medicine June 4-7.

This year's theme is "A Challenge to Readiness – Maintaining Currency in Military Medical and Nursing Education." Each year, the conference provides a forum where health care professionals can address the latest challenges to maintaining currency in military medical education.

Physicians, nurses and other health care professionals on active duty and in the Reserve, as well as health care professionals in the federal sector attend the conference. USU is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The university also is accredited as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Established by Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University has the nation's only fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. It has provided the country with more than 3,000 outstanding military and public health physicians, scientists and health care practitioners. USU specializes in military medicine, which differs greatly from civilian medicine, and involves prevention, diagnosis and treatment by medical personnel who are integral to the military operations they support.